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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PDEV, RH
SUBJ: RHODESIA: MALAWI DENIES SUPPORT FOR INTERNAL SETTLEMENT

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM THE MALWI HIGH COMMISSION, ADDRESSED TO THE ZAMBIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ALL MISSIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ZAMBIA, DENYING REV. SITHKLE'S STATEMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI HAD INDICATED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THIS IS THE FIRST NOTE WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM MALAWI ON RHODESIA.

2. TEXT OF NOTE, WITH COMPLIMENTARY OPENING AND CLOSING OMITTED, IS AS FOLLOWS:
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QUOTE

....AND HAS THE HONOR TO ADDRESS THEM ON MALAWI'S POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE INTERNAL RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT.

THERE HAD BEEN REPORTS THAT REVEREND NDABANINGI SITHOLE

HAD STATED THAT THE MALAWI GOVERNMENT HAD ASSURED HIM OF ITS SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNAL RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. THE STATEMENT WAS FALSE AND THE MALAWI GOVERNMENT EMPHATICALLY REFUTES IT AS FOLLOWS:

"IT HAS COME TO THE NOTICE OF THE MALAWI GOVERNMENT THAT AN IMPRESSION HAS BEEN CREATED BY REVEREND NDABANINGI SITHOLE THAT MALAWI HAS RECOGNIZED THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT ON AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL DISPUTE.

THE MALAWI GOVERNMENT WISHES TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE IMPRESSION IS TOTALLY WRONG. THEREFORE, IF REVEREND NDABANINGI SITHOLE SAID WHAT HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID, THEN HE ENTIRELY MISUNDERSTOOD THE POSITION. MALAWI HAS NOT ENDORSED THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT AT ALL. THUS ANY CLAIM THAT SHE HAS DONE SO IS FALSE.

THE HIGH COMMISSION....

END QUOTE.
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